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INTRODUCTION

The sorghum midge, *Contarinia sorghicola* Coquillet, is one of the most devastating insects that attack sorghum. Estimates of losses have exceeded 10 million dollars on several occasions in Texas alone. An average loss of approximately 10 percent occurred in Georgia each year from 1972 to 1974. As grain sorghum increases in importance as both a feed and food crop, greater losses can be expected because of the general sorghum-production practices, such as irregular plantings by the farmer, double cropping, and so forth, and because of a higher incidence of crop residue, providing overwintering of larger numbers of midges and thus contributing to the early buildup of midges above the economic threshold. Continuous research on the sorghum midge has been seriously neglected. This bibliography should help, perhaps encourage, more long-term research on the relationship of the sorghum midge to the sorghum crop.

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